

# HISTORIC PRESERVATION CERTIFICATION

## APPLICATION — PART 1 (Pursuant to the Tax Reform Act of 1976)

Instructions: Applicant should read the instructions carefully before completing application. No Certification may be made unless a completed application form has been received (P.L. 94-455). Use typewriter or print clearly in dark ink to complete the application form. If additional space is needed to complete Part 1, use the reverse side or a separate plain sheet of paper clearly indicating the owner's name and mailing address. Part 1 of this application may be completed and sent to the appropriate State Historic Preservation Officer at any time during the year, and may be sent separately or with Part 2.

### PART 1 EVALUATION OF SIGNIFICANCE

N/A

#### 1. NAME OF PROPERTY:

Address of property Street 730 Light Street  
City Baltimore County ----- State Maryland Zip Code 21230  
Name of historic district in which property is located Federal Hill National Register Historic District

#### 2. DESCRIPTION OF PHYSICAL APPEARANCE:

(See instructions for map and photograph requirements—use reverse side if necessary)

Three story masonry Victorian storefront built circa 1840. Front elevation has four window openings (2 with arched lintels and 2 with flat lintels). Roof has slight pitch from front to rear. Entire interior is of wood construction using 2x10 joists. Basic plan of building is L-shaped with no changes in existing footprint of building intended. The building is an integral part of the 700 block of Light Street in this most important row of 10 structures which provide high visibility to the Inner Harbor Area. Although the building remained vacant for about 7 years, the entirety of the buildings walls (exterior) will be preserved. It was impossible to determine the original texture of the interior since the building was completely devastated on the interior due to the roof being severely damaged.

#### STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

Date of construction (if known) 1840  Original site  Moved Date of alterations (if known) \_\_\_\_\_

#### NAME AND MAILING ADDRESS OF OWNER:

Name Ron Russo, Pres., RAR Associates Development Corporation  
Street 41 E. Hughes Street  
City Baltimore, State Maryland Zip Code 21230  
Telephone Number (during day) Area Code 301/539-6161

I hereby attest that the information I have provided is, to the best of my knowledge, correct, and that I am owner of the property described above.  
Signature [Signature] Date 3/20/82

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The structure described above is included within the boundaries of the National Register historic district and  contributes &  does not contribute to the character of the district.  
The structure  appears  does not appear to meet National Register Criteria for Evaluation (36 CFR 60.6) and  will likely  will not be nominated to the National Register in accord with the Department of the Interior procedures (36 CFR 60).  
The structure is located in a district which  appears  does not appear to meet National Register Criteria for Evaluation (36 CFR 60.6)  will likely  will not be nominated to the National Register in accord with Department of the Interior procedures (36 CFR 60) and  appears  does not appear to contribute to the character of the district.  
Signature [Signature] Date 5-20-82  
State Historic Preservation Officer

This property has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the Department of the Interior (36 CFR 67) and, if subject to depletion under section 167 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954,  is hereby certified a historic structure  does not contribute to the character of the historic district and does not meet certification as a historic structure. Reasons given on the application are \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature \_\_\_\_\_  
Head of the National Register

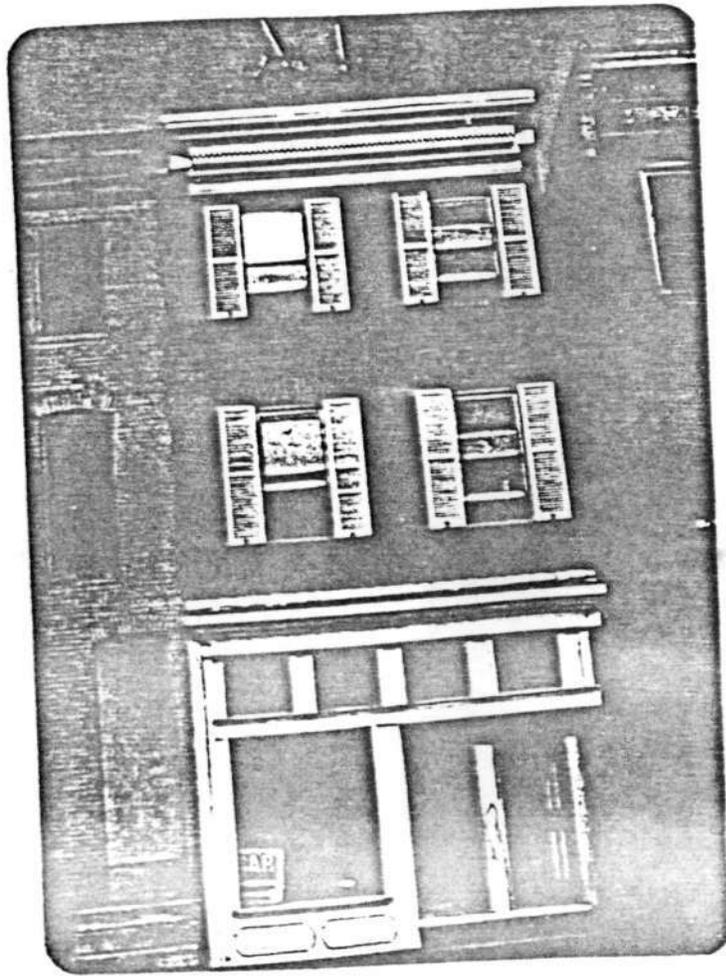
730 LIGHT ST.



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NATIONAL PARK SERVICE  
STATE REVIEW SHEET  
Historic Preservation Certification Application--Part I

B-3031

Property: 732 LIGHT STREET, BALTIMORE, MARYLAND

Historic District: FEDERAL HILL

10-28-86 date initial application received by State

\_\_\_ date additional information

10-28-86 date complete information received by State

requested by State

\_\_\_ date of this transmittal to NPS

inspection of property by State staff?  no \_\_\_ yes date: \_\_\_

There is adequate documentation enclosed to evaluate the historic character and integrity of this property.

\_\_\_ There is insufficient documentation to evaluate the property adequately. The application is missing the following items: \_\_\_

Reasonable efforts, described below, have been made to obtain this information. Copies of the information requests are enclosed.

This property involves:

Extensive loss of historic fabric

\_\_\_ Substantial alterations over time

\_\_\_ Preliminary determination of listing  
\_\_\_ for district

\_\_\_ for individual property

DETERMINATION OF SIGNIFICANCE  
TO DISTRICT

\_\_\_ Obscured or covered elevation(s)

\_\_\_ Moved property

\_\_\_ State recommendation inconsistent  
with NR documentation

\_\_\_ Recommendation different than the  
applicant's request

Complete one section below as appropriate.

(1)  The property  contributes \_\_\_ does not contribute to the historic significance of this district in:

location  design  setting  materials  workmanship  feeling and association

Property is mentioned in the NR documentation in Section \_\_\_, page \_\_\_.

(2) \_\_\_ For properties less than 50 years old:

\_\_\_ the historical merits of the district (the periods and areas of significance) are documented in the National Register nomination form or district documentation on file as less than 50 years old, justifying the certification of this property's contribution.

\_\_\_ the strong historical or architectural merit of this property as described in the National Register nomination form or district documentation on file justifies its certification as contributing.

\_\_\_ there is insufficient justification to consider this property contributing to the district on the basis of its individual architectural or historical merits or the significance of the district does not extend up to and including the latest 50 year period.

Briefly explain how Standard (3) applies to this property's individual merits or its significance in relationship to the significant qualities and characteristics of the district.

(3) For preliminary determinations:

A. The status of the nomination for the property/historic district:

\_\_\_ Nomination has already been submitted to State review board, and if reviewed by the board, nomination will be forwarded to the NPS within a reasonable period of time. (Draft nomination is enclosed.)

\_\_\_ Nomination was submitted to the NPS on \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_ Nomination will be submitted to the State review board within twelve months.

\_\_\_ Nomination process likely will be completed within thirty months.

\_\_\_ Other; explain: \_\_\_\_\_

B. Evaluation of the property:

\_\_\_ Property \_\_\_ is individually eligible and meets National Register Criteria for Evaluation

\_\_\_ Property is located within a potential registered district that meets National Register Criteria for Evaluation

\_\_\_ A \_\_\_ B \_\_\_ C \_\_\_ D Exceptions:

(4) The property is located in a registered district, is outside the period(s) and/or area(s) of significance as documented in the NR nomination and:

\_\_\_ appears to contribute to the expanded significance of the district. Enclosed is the revised nomination documentation.

\_\_\_ does not appear to contribute to the period(s) and/or area(s) of significance of the district.

Complete sections below for all properties:

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Description of district including the period(s) and area(s) of significance as described in the National Register documentation or documentation on file (except for preliminary determination of individual listing). THE HISTORIC DISTRICT OF FEDERAL HILL CONSISTS OF FEDERAL HILL PARK AND THE HOUSES ON THE STREETS FACING AND SLOPING AWAY FROM THE PARK TO THE WEST AND SOUTH. THE HILL IS BOUNDED ON THE NORTH AND EAST BY WATERFRONT. THE MAJORITY OF HOUSES DATE FROM THE MID TO LATE 19TH CENTURY, WITH A SCATTERING OF EARLIER STRUCTURES. ALL ARE OF BRICK CONSTRUCTION WITH THE EXTENSIVE USE OF WHITE MARBLE TRIM. MOST ARE ATTACHED ROW HOUSES OF 2 OR 3 STORIES APPROX. FIFTEEN FEET IN WIDTH. DORMER WINDOWS ARE COMMON ON THE OLDER HOUSES AND PROVIDE CONSIDERABLE VARIATION IN ROOF LINE WITHIN A BLOCK. WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THOSE FACING THE PARK THESE HOUSES ARE MOST Period(s) of significance: 19TH CENT Section 7, page 1. WITH LITTLE EXTERIOR ORNAMENTATION.

Description of the property documenting current condition. THIS STRUCTURE IS A BRICK, 3 STORY MAIN BLOCK, WITH A TWO STORY ELL AND TWO, 2 STORY RECTANGULAR ADDITIONS ATTACHED TO ITS REAR. THE FACADE CONSISTS OF A LARGE ARCHED WINDOW AND FRONT ENTRANCE. THE SECOND AND THIRD FLOOR LEVELS EACH CONTAIN TWO WINDOW OPENINGS. A WOOD CORNICE EXISTS AT THE TOP. THE INTERIOR HAS BEEN GUTTED BY MANY FIRES ALTHOUGH THE ORIGINAL FLOOR PLAN REMAINS INTACT. EXISTING SALVAGABLE FABRIC INCLUDES DOOR AND WINDOW SURROUNDS, FLOOR MOLDS, AND A ROCKET POOR FROM THE STAIR HALL TO THE FRONT PARLOR.

Retains sufficient integrity?  Yes  No THIS STRUCTURE IS SIGNIFICANT BECAUSE OF ITS CLOSE STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE OF THE PROPERTY RELATIONSHIP WITH EARLY COMMERCE OF THE AREA. IT IS REPRESENTATIVE OF A FAIRLY SMALL GROUP OF THREE STORY VICTORIAN STYLE HOUSES BUILT AS RESIDENCES TO ACCOMMODATE THE RISING NUMBER OF MIDDLE CLASS RESIDENTS WHO PROSPERED AT LOCAL TRADES AND BUSINESSES.

State Official Recommendation:

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This application for the above-named property has been reviewed by MICHAEL DAY, a professionally qualified architect, architectural historian, or historian on my staff.

- The property is included within the boundaries of a registered historic district, contributes to the significance of the district, and is a "certified historic structure" for the purpose of rehabilitation.
- The property is included within the boundaries of a registered historic district, contributes to the significance of the district, and is a "certified historic structure" for a charitable contribution for conservation purposed in accordance with the Tax Treatment Extension Act of 1980.
- The property does not contribute to the significance of the above-named district.
- The property appears to meet the National Register Criteria for Evaluation and will likely be nominated.
- The property does not appear to meet the National Register Criteria for Evaluation and will not be nominated.
- The property appears to contribute to the significance of a:
  - potential historic district which appears to meet the National Register Criteria For Evaluation and will likely be nominated.
  - registered historic district but is outside the period(s) and area(s) of significance as documented in the National Register nomination or district documentation on file with the NPS. Revised nomination or district documentation is enclosed.
  - The property should be denied a preliminary determination that it could qualify as a certified historic structure.
  - Insufficient documentation has been provided to evaluate the structure.

Detailed NPS review recommended  Precedent setting case  Forwarded without recommendation

Date: 11-18-86

State Official Signature: 

HISTORIC PRESERVATION CERTIFICATION APPLICATION  
PART 1 - EVALUATION OF SIGNIFICANCE

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Project Number: MDHISTORICAL TRUST

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1. Name of property: 732 Light St.  
Address of property: same  
City Baltimore County \_\_\_\_\_ State Maryland Zip Code 2120  
Name of historic district: Federal Hill  
 National Register district  certified state or local district  potential historic district

2. Check nature of request:  
 certification that the building contributes to the significance of the above-named historic district for the purpose of rehabilitation.  
 certification that the structure or building and, where appropriate, the land area on which such a structure or building is located contributes to the significance of the above-named historic district for a charitable contribution for conservation purposes.  
 certification that the building does not contribute to the significance of the above-named district.  
 preliminary determination for individual listing in the National Register.  
 preliminary determination that a building located within a potential historic district contributes to the significance of the district.  
 preliminary determination that a building outside the period or area of significance contributes to the significance of the district.

3. Authorized project contact:  
Name William H. Hazlehurst Jr. Title Partner  
Street 13 Hilltop Ave. City Towson  
State Maryland Zip 21204 Telephone Number (during day): (301)-889-7055  
ask for Mr. Patrick Hudson

4. Owner:  
Name 732 Light Street Partnership  
Street 209 Goodwood Gardens Road City Baltimore  
State Maryland Zip 21210 Telephone Number (during day): (301)-889-7449

I hereby attest that the information I have provided is, to the best of my knowledge, correct, and that I own the above-named property.

Owner's Signature William H. Hazlehurst Jr. Date 10/23/86  
Social Security Number or Taxpayer Identification Number [REDACTED]

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The National Park Service has reviewed the "Historic Preservation Certification Application - Part 1" for the above-named property and hereby determines that the property:

- contributes to the significance of the above-named district and is a "certified historic structure" for the purpose of rehabilitation.
- contributes to the significance of the above-named district and is a "certified historic structure" for a charitable contribution for conservation purposes in accordance with the Tax Treatment Extension Act of 1980.
- does not contribute to the significance of the above-named district.

Preliminary Determinations:

- appears to meet the National Register Criteria for Evaluation and will likely be listed in the National Register of Historic Places if nominated by the State Historic Preservation Officer according to the procedures set forth in 36 CFR Part 60.
- does not appear to meet the National Register Criteria for Evaluation and will likely not be listed in the National Register.
- appears to contribute to the significance of a potential historic district, which will likely be listed in the National Register of Historic Places if nominated by the State Historic Preservation Officer.
- appears to contribute to the significance of a registered historic district but is outside the period or area of significance as documented in the National Register nomination or district documentation on file with the NPS.
- does not appear to qualify as a certified historic structure.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION  
CERTIFICATION APPLICATION—  
PART 1

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732 Light St.

Property Name

same

Property Address

732 Light St. Partnership

Owner Name/Social Security or Taxpayer ID Number

Project Number:

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5. **Description of physical appearance:** 732 Light St. is a three and two story L shaped building with two, two story rectangular additions attached to its rear. Both the main building and the additions are constructed of red brick with wood interior framing and have flat roofs. The front section of the main building is fourteen and one half feet wide and twenty five and one half feet long and contains three floors. There is also a full basement under this section. The rear section of the main building is ten feet wide and eighteen feet long and contains two floors. The first addition is nine feet wide and ten feet long and the second is thirteen and one half feet wide and ten feet long.

Built at the same time as 730 Light St. which has since been converted to a store front, 732 Light St. has been unoccupied for many years and in that time it has sustained several fires one of which destroyed the center section of roof. Consequently, many of the building's historic details are damaged or missing. Much of the front facade is intact though. Constructed of a tightly laid hard red brick, it contains a large arched wood framed window opening on the left side of the first floor level. Below this there is a small window opening into the basement. On the right side of the first floor level there is a nine and one half foot high opening for a door and transom window. This door opening is reached by four marble steps, the lowest of which is (cont.)

Date of Construction: 1860 Source of Date: Sanborn Fire Insurance Plats

Date(s) of Alteration(s): unknown

Polk City Directories

Baltimore City Land Records

Has building been moved?  yes  no. If so, when?

6. **Statement of significance:**

Building within a registered historic district: The Federal Hill Historic District is a predominantly intact grouping of historically and architecturally significant buildings constructed from the late 1700's to the early 1900's. The district is historically significant because of its close providential relationship with the port of Baltimore which conceptually bounders it on two sides. The district is architecturally significant because it contains a wide diversity of building types and usages which chronicle the changing styles of Baltimore architecture from its earliest days until the early twentieth century.

732 Light St. is particularly significant because of its close relationship with the early commerce of the area. In a survey of the property commissioned by the Maryland Historical Trust, Historic Sites Surveyor M. E. Hayward states that the building is "representative of a fairly small group of three story Victorian style houses built as residences in the Federal Hill area to accomodate the rising number of middle class residents in the neighborhood who had prospered at local trades and businesses to the point where they could afford a large house with some stylistic pretensions." With its large rear additions though, 732 Light St. quite often served the dual role of residence and place of business.

Built in 1860, the building's first owner merchant was Thomas Hardester who operated a lamp and oil shop in the building which was listed as 250 Light St. at that time. In 1865 the building was purchased by Christian Schaepperle who also operated a lamp and tinware business there, but almost immediately leased the property to Casper Melcher, a local baker who had a shop at 58 Johnson St. In 1868 Melcher moved his bakery to number 99 Hanover Market and it stayed there until 1870 at which time he moved it into the rear of 250 Light St. Melcher operated the business there

(continued)

7. **Photographs and maps.**

Attach photographs and maps to application.

Continuation sheets attached:  yes  no

CONTINUATION SHEET

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Property Name

Property Address

732 Light St. Partnership  
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Part 1 No. 5 - continued - missing. The second and third floor levels of the front facade each contain two rectangular wood framed window openings. All of the window openings in the front facade of 732 Light St. have brick sills, and the basement window opening, the door opening, and the second floor window openings are all topped by gently arched bricks above scroll sawed wood typanums. The large first floor window opening is topped by a circular arch of brick and the third floor window openings have no lintels at all. At the top of the building there is a modillion cornice constructed of wood which consists of an open area above a long section of fascia board which is supported by the modillions attached to a frieze board.

The rear facades of 732 Light St. contain all four faces: north, south, east, and west, some of which are broken up into unconnected pieces that are part of both the main building and the additions. All of the rear facades are constructed of red brick which is laid with wider mortar joints than in the front facade. The south facade of the rear of 732 Light St. consists of parts of the main building and the two additions, and creates a long "C" shape which shelters a small walkway which is entered from the rear of the building, or by a doorway in the first floor level of the east facade of the second addition. The south facade of the main building contains two rectangular wood framed window openings on the first floor level and two on the second. The first addition contains two wood framed window openings on each of the first and second floor levels, and the second addition has a large wood framed double window opening in the second floor level above a blank space of brick wall on the first floor level. All of the window openings on the first floor level of the south facade of the main building and the first addition have concrete sills, and the window opening in the first floor level of the main building has a concrete lintel. The window openings on the first floor level of the first addition have keyed brick lintels. All of the window openings on the second floor level of the south facade have wood sills and gently arched brick lintels, and the window opening on the south facade of the second addition has a brick sill.

The west facade of the rear of 732 Light St. consists of two sections, one which is part of the main building and the other which is part of the second addition. The west facade of the main building is the only three story section of the rear facades, and it is shaped like an inverted "L". On the narrow first and second floor levels it contains rectangular wood framed window openings. The window opening on the first floor level has a concrete sill and a steel lintel, and the one on the second floor level has a wood sill and is topped by a very gradual brick arch. On the third floor level there is a blank space of brick wall to the left and a large open area to the center and the right. The west facade of the second addition contains a large sliding metal door on the right side of the first floor level and two small window openings (over)

Owner's Signature [Signature] Date 10/23/86

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- The National Park Service has determined that these project amendments meet the Secretary of the Interior's "Standards for Rehabilitation."
- National Park Service has determined that these project amendments do not meet the Secretary of the Interior's "Standards for Rehabilitation."

## CONTINUATION SHEET

732 Light St.

Property Name

same

Property Address

2 Light St. Partnership [REDACTED]

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on the left side. There are several metal plates attached to the upper part of the first floor level and a protruding course of brick which separates the first floor level from the second floor level. On the second floor level there is a larger rectangular window opening in the center of the facade. The sills of all the window openings on the west facade of the second addition are constructed of a protruding course of brick and the lintels are gently arched bricks. The metal door is topped by a steel lintel.

The north facade of the rear of 732 Light St. consists of part of the north wall of the second addition and contains just one opening, a double window opening on the second floor level which has a brick sill and is topped by a gently arched brick lintel.

The east facade of the rear of the building is the smallest section of the rear facades, and it consists of part of the east wall of the second addition. It contains a door opening on the first floor level and a tiny arched wood framed window opening on the second floor level. The doorway has a concrete sill and a metal lintel, and the window has a gently arched brick lintel and no sill.

The interior of 732 Light St. is in extremely poor condition with water damage and general deterioration in most areas. It is entered from the front doorway through a foyer and then a second doorway into the main hallway. Both the front door and the foyer door are topped by transom windows. To the left in the main hallway there is a pocket door which opens into the front room which is long and narrow in shape. The large arched window opening is in the east wall of this room, and there is also a rectangular window opening on the southwest wall. Going west from this room there are two rectangular rooms with two window openings on the south wall of each room and then a step up into the rear room. In the first rectangular room there is also a staircase that leads to the basement, which is under the front room; and is completely empty except for a toilet stall against the east wall and a small window opening in the upper right hand corner of the same wall. The rear room on the first floor is also rectangular in shape and has a door opening in its small southeast section of wall, the large sliding metal door on the left side of the west wall, and two small window openings on the right side of the same wall.

At the west end of the front hallway there is a staircase which leads to the second floor. This staircase opens into the center room on the second floor, which is long and rectangular in shape, and has three window openings in its south wall and no roof. East of this room there are two rectangular rooms divided by a north south staircase which runs to the third floor. The east wall of the front room contains two window opening and the west wall of the rear room contains a single window opening. West of the center room there is a step up which leads to two more rooms. The first room is almost square in shape and contains two window openings in its south wall. The second room is wider than the first and has a partition which apparently at one time divided it into two rooms. The east section of this room appears to have been a bathroom because part of it is tiled. It has a tiny arched window in its east wall. The rear part of this room contains five window openings with a double window opening in both the south and north walls and a single window in the west wall.

The third floor was also apparently divided into two rooms, both of which were entered from the staircase which lands on the south side of the center of the floor. Both rooms are fairly square, and the front room contains two window openings in its east wall. The rear room has no windows, but almost all of its west wall is missing. The roof above the third floor is also in very poor condition with the section over the rear room partially collapsed.

Because of the condition of the building and its recent history, very few pieces of interior trim have survived other than some door and window moldings. Moldings that exist include five inch beaded edge casing with five and one quarter inch corner blocks around the doors and windows in the front section of the main building, and five inch wide, less detailed trim around the doors and windows in the rear of the main building and both of the additions, which has mitered corners. There is also a small section of wainscotting constructed of a narrow vertical siding on the south wall of the middle

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Part 1 No. 5 - continued - room on the first floor.

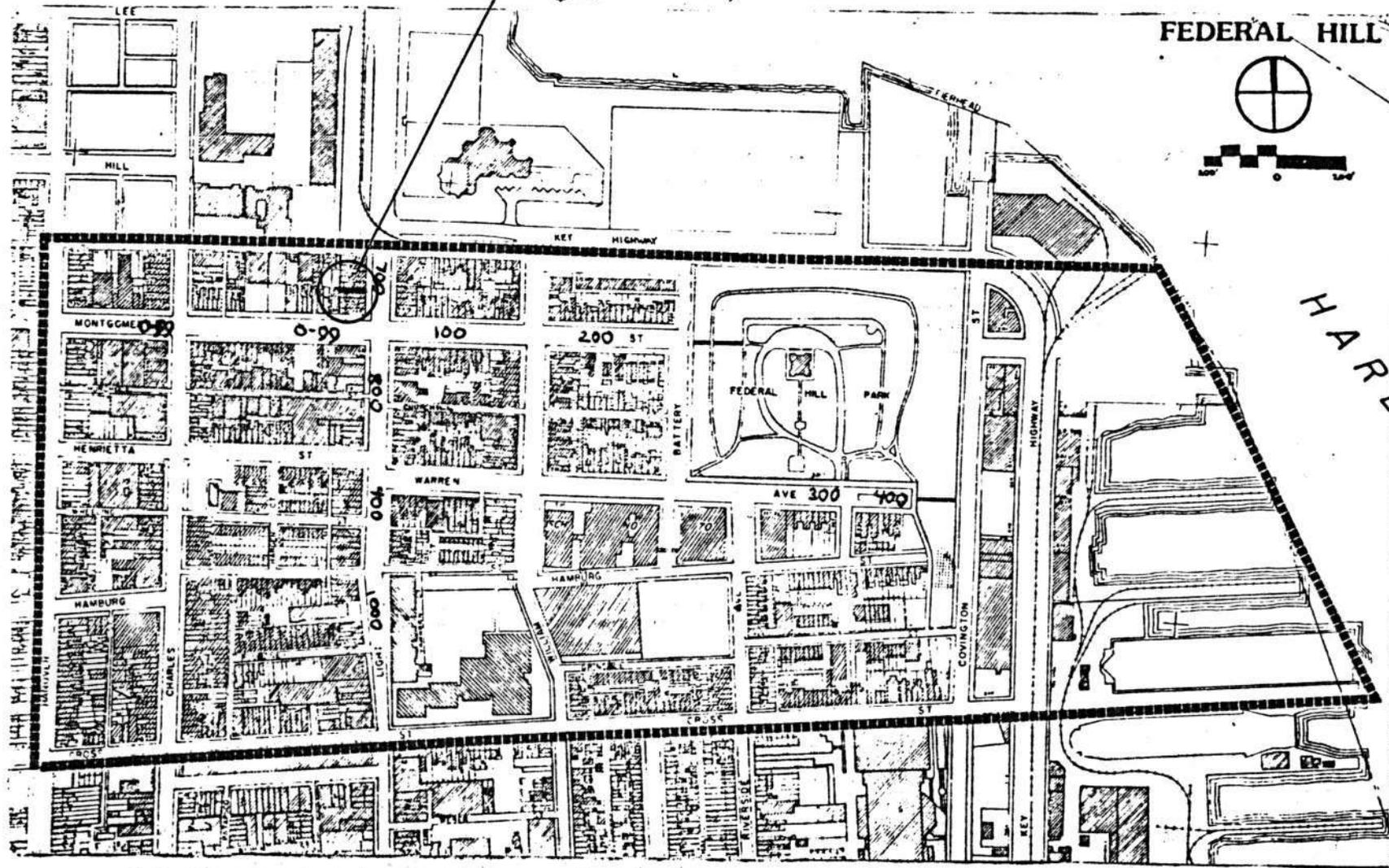
Part 1 No. 6 - continued - until 1881 when his son John took it over. In 1872 Casper Melcher also opened a liquor store around the corner at 159 William St. In 1885 John Melcher closed the liquor store on William St. and moved the bakery there, although he continued to live at the Light St. address and actually purchased the property in 1899. In 1906 John Melcher sold the property at 250 Light St. to George Michael Wirth and his wife Anna Mary, at which time the property's traceable relationship with the commerce of the area ends until the 1960's when a candy shop was operated there. In 1976 the property was taken over by the City Of Baltimore until it was sold to the partners in 1986.

Owner's Signature *[Handwritten Signature]* Date 10/23/86

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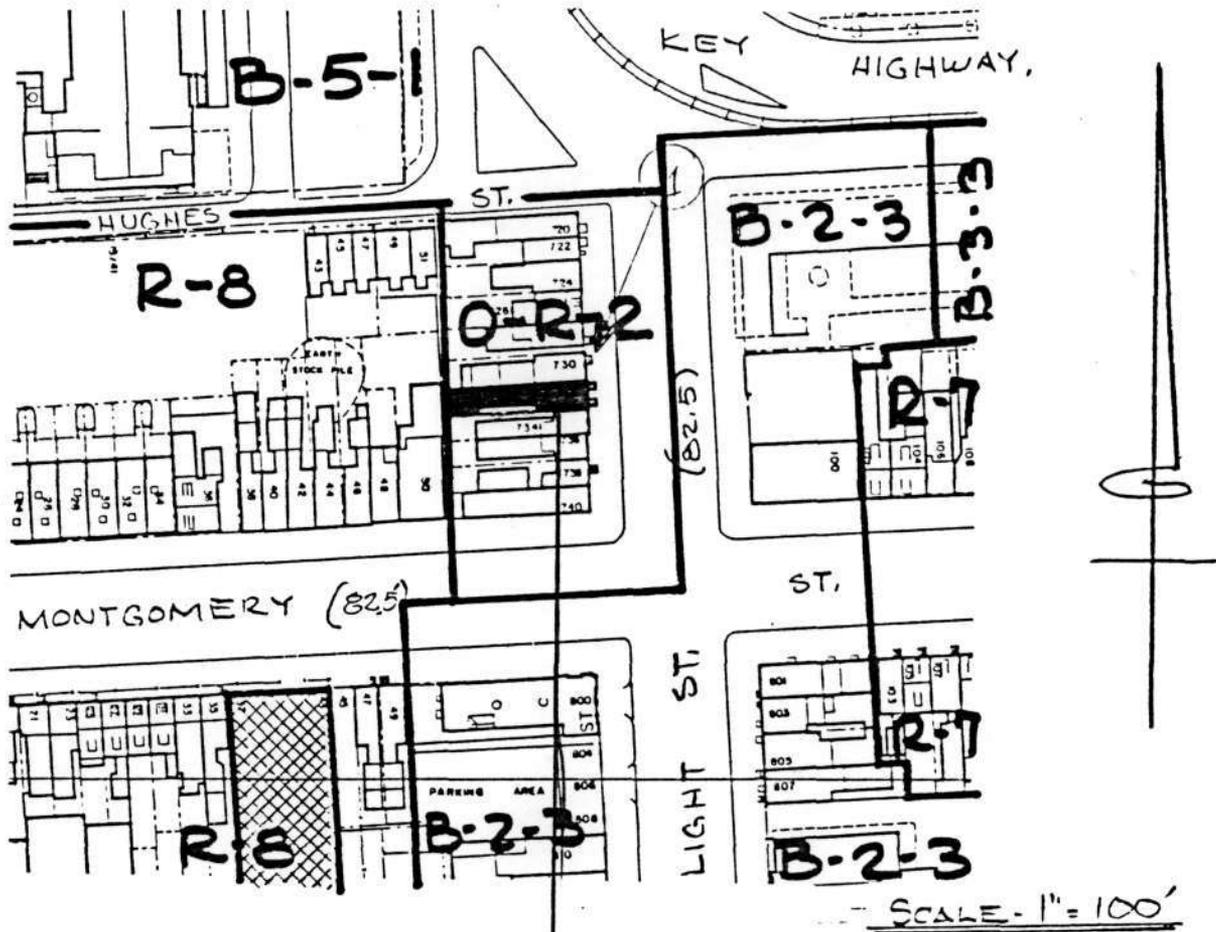
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732 LIGHT STREET  
BALTIMORE, MARYLAND

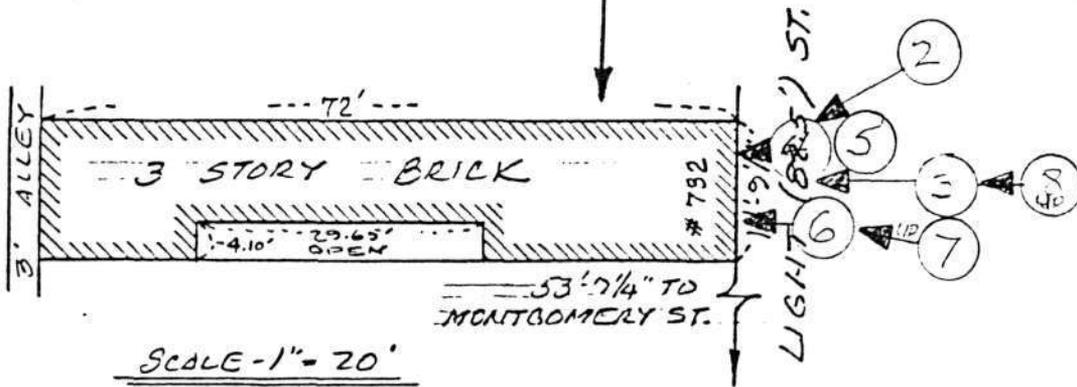


FEDERAL HILL NATIONAL REGISTER HISTORIC DISTRICT 4/17/70

B-3031



SCALE - 1" = 100'



SCALE - 1" = 20'

NOTE:  
 TO USE PREMISES FOR  
 TWO (2) FAMILIES

732 LIGHT ST. LIMITED PARTNERSHIP  
 209 GOODWOOD GARDENS  
 BALTIMORE, MD. 21210

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B-3028 - B-3035  
740-720 Light St. (West side)  
Baltimore, Md.  
Private access

1860-1884

This group of three story high, two bay wide brick buildings with shed roofs and Italianate-style bracketed cornices was built by several different builders in the early 1860's and in the 1880's (734-740 Light St.) The 1860's houses at the northern end of the block were built to serve a combined residential/commercial function and the original storefronts are still intact at 720-722, 724, and 726 Light St. 734-740 Light St. were built as residences but 740 has most recently served as a local bar/restaurant. The houses are currently unoccupied, but have recently been sold by the city to private owners and are awaiting renovation and rehabilitation.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

730-732 Light St.

CITY, TOWN

Baltimore

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

**CATEGORY**

- DISTRICT
- BUILDING(S)
- STRUCTURE
- SITE
- OBJECT

**OWNERSHIP**

- PUBLIC
- PRIVATE
- BOTH
- PUBLIC ACQUISITION**
- IN PROCESS
- BEING CONSIDERED

**STATUS**

- OCCUPIED
- UNOCCUPIED
- WORK IN PROGRESS
- ACCESSIBLE**
- YES: RESTRICTED
- YES: UNRESTRICTED
- NO

**PRESENT USE**

- AGRICULTURE
- COMMERICAL
- EDUCATIONAL
- ENTERTAINMENT
- GOVERNMENT
- INDUSTRIAL
- MILITARY
- MUSEUM
- PARK
- PRIVATE RESIDENCE
- RELIGIOUS
- SCIENTIFIC
- TRANSPORTATION
- OTHER: restoration contemplated

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Mayor and City Council

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Baltimore

\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

Maryland 21202, zip code

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Records Office Room 601

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER

Baltimore City Courthouse

CITY, TOWN

Baltimore

Maryland 21202, STATE

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

\_\_\_ FEDERAL \_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_ COUNTY \_\_\_ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

# 7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED 732	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED 730	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This pair of three story high, two bay brick houses with shed roof and modillion cornice was built as a unit in 1860. The first floor area of 730 Light St. has been converted into a store-front.

The houses are three stories in height, about 14 1/2' wide, and occupy lots 72' deep. The houses are two rooms deep, with a two story high, five bay deep rear addition, followed by a later two story high, two bay deep section. The houses are constructed in running bond. The shed roof is capped by a wooden cornice consisting of a deeply projecting crown molding supported by a row of carved modillions set above a plain freize articulated with a single molding strip. Each house has a double rectangular chimney located along the front section of the house. At 730 the chimney is on the north side of the house; at 732 it is on the south side of the house.

The houses originally had a round arched first floor window, but it remains today only at 732 Light St. The doorway and second floor window openings have segmentally arched brick lintels with scroll-sawed tympanums; the third floor windows have no lintels. All of the sills are wood.\* All of the window openings are either empty or boarded. At 732 Light St. the doorway is boarded but the entrance is reached by four stone steps and there is a rectangular basement opening located to the left of the steps. The first floor area of 730 Light St. has been converted into a store-front. The recessed door is located to the south of a three-sided projecting shop window set on a brick base. In the southernmost bay of the house a second door leads to the private residence on the upper floors. All of the door and shop window openings are boarded. A deep cornice extends across the entire width of the store-front. It consists of a deeply projecting crown molding set above a plain freize area which caps a row of four paired vertical lights set between wooden panels. The entire cornice rests on a shallow shed roof which extends out over the projecting shop window and the doorway area. The entrance is reached by one wide stone step.

\*At 730 Light St. the wood sills have been replaced by brick header sills.

# 8 SIGNIFICANCE

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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES 1860

BUILDER/ARCHITECT Thomas Hardester

### STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This pair of houses is significant as being representative of a fairly small group of three story Victorian-style houses built as residences in the 1860's in the Federal Hill area to accomodate the rising number of middle-class residents in the neighborhood who had prospered at local trades and businesses to the point where they could afford a large house with some stylistic pretensions. In 1865 732 Light St. was bought by Caspar Melcher, a baker who had a stall in the Hanover St. market. In 1870, Melcher is listed as operating his bakery at this address and the large rear addition would certainly accomodate such an arrangement.<sup>1</sup> The owner of 730 Light St. in 1865 was Karl Kaufman, who operated a tavern at 50 Montgomery St.<sup>2</sup>

The houses are currently being offered for sale by the City to private owners and will hopefully soon be renovated.

<sup>1</sup>Baltimore City Directory, 1868-9, 1870

<sup>2</sup>Ibid., 1865-6

**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

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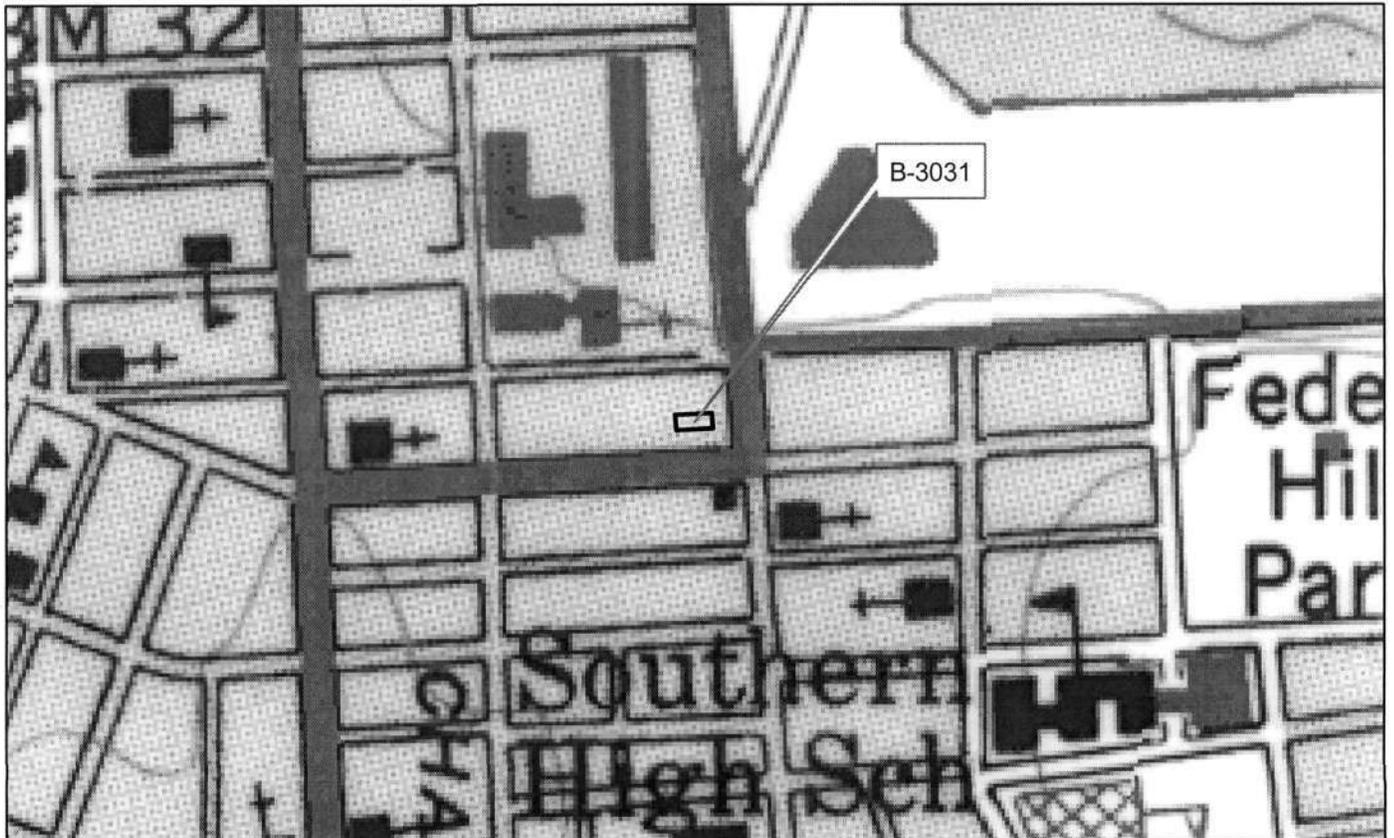
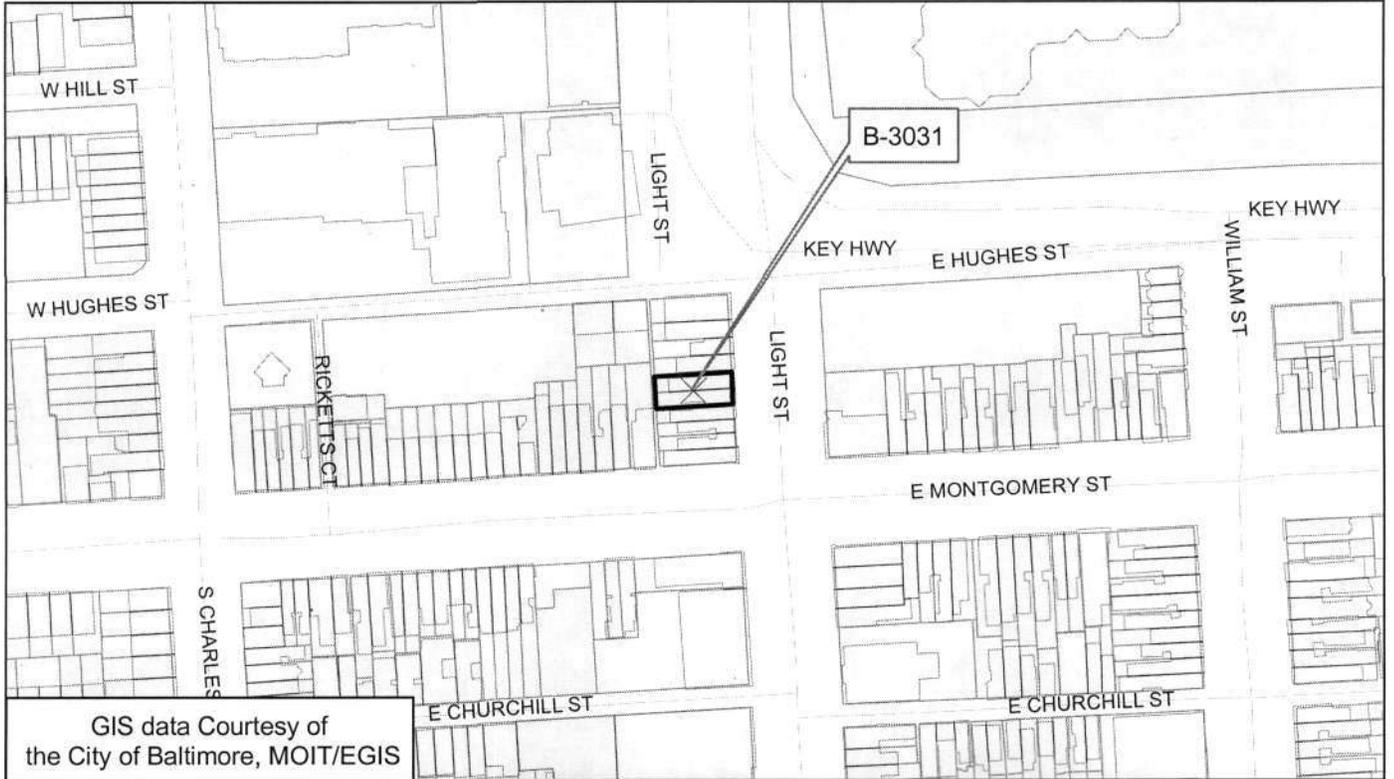
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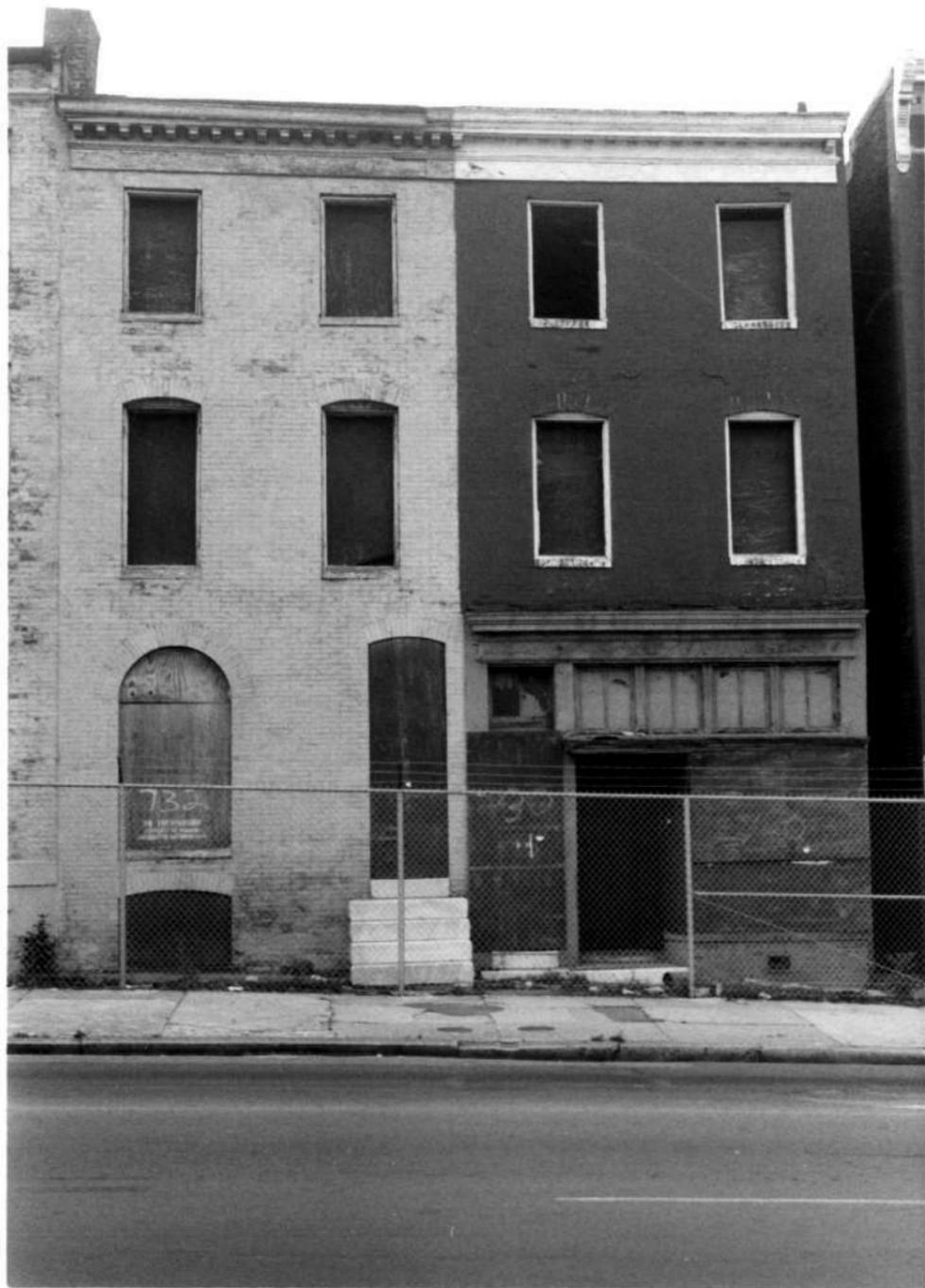
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